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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS ON THE VERORDNUNGSBLATT

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1. IN MARCH 9 BONN GROUP MEETING, UK REP (HITCH)
RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE TALKING POINTS DEVELOPED
BY THE BONN GROUP FOR USE BY ALLIED EMBASSIES IN
MOSCOW IN THE EVENT OF A SOVIET REPLY TO THE JANUARY 11
ALLIED DEMARCHE. HITCH REPORTED THAT THE FCO FELT
THE TALKING POINTS WENT SOMEWHAT BEYOND WHAT HAD
EARLIER BEEN AGREED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
DELIVERY OF THE JANUARY 11 DEMARCHE. THE MOSCOW
EMBASSIES WERE AUTHORIZED ON THAT OCCASION SIMPLY TO
MENTION THE VERORDNUNGSBLATT AMONG THE EXAMPLES OF
RECENT OBJECTIONABLE GDR ACTIONS, WHEREAS THE THIRD
PARAGRAPH OF THE TALKING POINTS DEVELOPED IN THE BONN
GROUP ON FEBRUARY 7 (REF B) WENT CONSIDERABLY BEYOND
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THAT.

2. BOTH US AND FRENCH REPS NOTED THE NEED FOR GOING BEYOND WHAT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PLANNED, IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SOVIETS FROM CONTINUING TO TREAT THE JANUARY 11 ALLIED DEMARCHE AS ONE RELATED SOLELY TO THE NEW VISA REGULATIONS FOR VISITS TO EAST BERLIN.

THEY ALSO RECALLED THAT THEY HAD REPORTED THAT THE TALKING POINTS WERE NOT A PRECISELY AGREED TEXT BUT WERE SOLELY POINTS WHICH THE THREE EMBASSIES WOULD DRAW FROM IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE VERORDNUNGSBLATT WAS MENTIONED WHEN THE SOVIETS ANSWERED THE JANUARY 11 DEMARCHE.

3. HITCH AGREED TO CLARIFY THE POINT FOR LONDON AND THE UK EMBASSY MOSCOW, NOTING THE CONTINUING BELIEF OF THE BONN GROUP THAT A PRECISELY AGREED TEXT WAS NOT REQUIRED AND ALSO THAT FACT THAT PARIS AND WASHINGTON HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED THEIR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES TO BRING UP THE VERORDNUNGSBLATT IF THEY RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE SOVETS.

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